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REMEMBER - The
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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



This month marks the beginning of our American Bicentennial year and all citizens have been asked to celebrate the occasion by recognizing, in some appropriate way, all those who have made important contributions to the establishment, growth and prosperity of our nation.

It is not too difficult to identify those at the national level who lay the foundation for this great nation and those who subsequently gave of their time and talent to continue its development. Many, like Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin, Edison, Burbank, Sousa, St. Gaudens, Anthony, Bell and Roosevelt, are well known and we periodically pay tribute to them because we have benefitted from their great accomplishments.

Likewise, wouldn't this be a good time to look closer to home and pay tribute to those who have contributed so much to our hobby, and especially to those who had the inspiration, ability, and energy to establish our Texas Numismatic Association; and to those devoted members who have continued to give generously of their time and talents to bring our association to the prestigious position it enjoys today?

We owe so much to members like Joe Davis, Lamar and Augusta Folda, A. I. and Doris Martin, Ellis Brooks, Floyd Covill, Bill Brothers, Hazel Jenkins, Mabel Casey Houton, Ruby Threlkeld, Gladys Robbins, Lyman

Part II: Virgil H. Cook, D. O. Jones, Carlton Brush, Clark Coursey, Wally and Miriam Gilmore, Roger Barwood, Jerry Williams, Chris Johns, Tom Bain and many others. Space will not permit me to name them all, nor have I had the privilege of knowing them all, but I feel sure that you will remember others whose names should be added to the list.

Also, I know that you will want to join with me in remembering our great TNA leaders and workers, past and present, as a part of our association's Bicentennial celebration, because they have made the hobby of numismatics more enjoyable for us all.

MINI NEWS FOR 1976 CONVENTION

Work is progressing on the issuance of the TNA Mini News which is handed out at the annual conventions. The cost of printing the informative booklet depends on contributions from TNA patrons—individual, club and special.

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(A preview of a small but important part of Texas Numismatic Association when it convenes in Amarillo on April 23, 24 and 25, 1976.)

MAXIMILIAN IN AMARILLO

BY DAVID R. CERVIN,
Amarillo, Tex.

So far as Europe is concerned life in the Western Hemisphere began when Columbus made his great voyage of discovery. And one thing stood out above all others: every square mile of this strange and foreboding land belonged to the great European monarchs, and those who migrated there did so at the pleasure of their European rulers and were strictly colonists. Colonialism was the name of the game.

This mode of living was to continue for almost 300 years, to 1776 to be exact, and then something spectacular happened. A large number of disgruntled colonists, resting somewhat on the theory that "taxation without representation is not just," simply declared to the world (which was Europe) that they were free and independent. Most European countries, including England, laughed at this unbelievable bit of effrontery, though the English did take time out long enough to send forces across the Atlantic to subdue these renegades. A year, more or less, was the expected time necessary for the subjugation, with a few more months for mopping up operations.

But this optimistic timetable did not materialize. And after six or seven years General Cornwallis and his cohorts threw in the sponge and returned home, a badly defeated army.

The New World had a new hero, the United States of America, and if they could operate as a free and independent country, why couldn't the other colonists do likewise? And this is just what they did and are still doing, two hundred years later. As of today there are only a few out-

posts in the New World that are still under the cloak of colonialism, and in most cases they are remaining so on their own free will.

Thus, for nearly the first 300 years after Columbus, colonialism was the vogue. Then for the next two hundred years the trend was to total independence. Was this all? Not quite. Within that last 200 years there was a very short period, three years to be exact from 1864 to 1867, when an empire, modeled totally along European lines, existed in this hemisphere, more precisely in Mexico. Let us examine how this strange throw-off from Europe took place.

Our story starts, in sort of a way, with Napoleon the Great. Napoleon, like Henry the Eighth and other rulers before him, had one great passion in life: he must have a male heir. It mattered not what happened to him; with a male heir to rule over his vast domains, he would live on even in death.

Now Napoleon loved Josephine with a great passion, but not enough passion to not "trade her in" if no male heir appeared. Unfortunately no male issue resulted. Since he had success with his mistress, the fault was evidently Josephine's, not his. As with Katherine of Castille, Josephine must go. Both were divorced.

For Napoleon, his new empress could be only the highest aristocracy, someone to whose irreproachable heredity he could weld his great achievements. He therefore decided that it must be the Archduchess Marie Louise, daughter of Austrian Emperor Francis. This was blue blood at its best: a Habsburg, truly Europe's

most aristocratic and famous family.

The union was successful. Nine months after the marriage Francois made his appearance. To Napoleon this was the ultimate. Young Francois literally spent every minute with his father, and he was as attached to Napoleon as Napoleon was to his son.

But this strong pater-filial relationship lasted less than three years. Both Elba and Waterloo beckoned, and the two never saw each other again.

Francois was moved to the Austrian court and was never permitted to leave the immediate area. Although he lived only slightly past his 21st birthday, succumbing to consumption, he had six years of an almost idyllic love life. Maybe infatuation is a better word for it.

When only 15 years of age, young Francis (his Austrian name) took a fancy to Sophia, the 21-year-old bride of the Archduke Francis Charles, the younger brother of Crown Prince of Archduke Ferdinand. As it became evident that the latter would have no heirs, the male children of Sophia would rule Austria. Francis Joseph was her first and he became Austria's emperor in 1848, continuing for 68 years, until 1916, the second longest reign ever for a European ruler. (Louis XIV was King of France for 72 years.) But it was her second son, Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph, that interests us.

Sophia was terribly unhappy in her marriage. Francis Charles was stupid, weak, a total nonentity. Sophia was clever, though quite uneducated as was the custom of the day for females. (However, it should be noted that girls of high aristocratic rank had to speak several languages as their husbands might be of any nationality.) Even the rest of the Austrian court interested Sophia, a Bavarian by birth, very little. But she

did find a soulmate in only one person in Vienna—young Francis, the only son of Napoleon. Though six years older and at an age when six years could be almost a generation (15 to 21), their mutual attraction was almost instantaneous. Francis had matured early, and at 15 he was already six feet tall. Always dressed in a military uniform, tall (much taller than his father), handsome and possessing an engaging personality, it is little wonder that Sophia, who despised her husband and had little in common with the rest of the court, took a fancy to young Francis.

Francis saw Sophia every day, sitting by her while she played the piano. They talked incessantly. It was to the Archduchess Sophia that Francis spoke of his father, and she encouraged him to do this. (His guardian absolutely forbade him to even mention the name of Napoleon. Nor would they ever speak the name to him.)

In October of 1831, Sophia found herself pregnant. He, like his brother Francis Joseph, would also be an emperor. All of Vienna would say his grandfather was Napoleon the Great.

Extremely consumptive, Francis died only a few days before Sophia gave birth to her second child. When told of his death, Sophia fainted and was unconscious for hours. Her life was despaired of. Though she recovered and gave birth to Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph, it was said that she never really smiled again. Nor did she have any more children. Little wonder, then, that the Vienna court considered Maximilian (the family always called him by his middle name), the grandson of Napoleon.

However, scholars of history have clearly disproved this belief. Maximilian, the first and only emperor in the New World, was a true Habs-

hurg. But his mother's best, if not only true, friend was the son of Napoleon the Great.

Twenty years elapsed and another Napoleon, Charles Louis, the nephew of Napoleon the Great became Napoleon III of France in 1852. Now there were three facets of history that upset Napoleon III, all of which culminated in the intervention in Mexico's internal affairs.

1. His uncle the great Emperor had gone to Egypt and thought of going to India. He had never done so, and now India was the British colony most responsible for England's greatness in the world.
2. This same uncle had by the Louisiana Purchase thrown away most of France's position in the New World. Perhaps the nephew could reestablish that position.
3. But one thing that rankled Napoleon III the most was the Monroe Doctrine which flatly told European nations to keep out of the affairs of the United States and other independent countries of the New World. This was pure effrontery of the highest order. By rights, thought Napoleon III, all of the New World should belong to the great old European powers.

Charles Louis Napoleon Bonaparte believed that destiny had determined that he should reverse the order of things in the Western Hemisphere. And this could be most easily accomplished by attacking the relatively weak country of Mexico and setting up a monarchical government such as all Europe was presided over. The leader should be an Austrian Habsburg if for no other reason than to assuage their hurt feelings for his subduing them in the War of 1859. And surely the Mexican populace would welcome as their leader the greatest

name in European ruling society, a representative of the 900-year-old Habsburg family. Napoleon III sincerely believed this. How wrong history proved him to be.

Putting his plan into motion he offered the throne of Mexico to the one logical choice, Maximilian, the one-time supposed grandson of Napoleon the Great. Maximilian and Carlota, his youthful wife from Belgium accepted with both reservations and alacrity. After all, what crown did they have to look forward to? Emperor Francis Joseph appeared healthy (he died of old age in 1916) and had male heirs of his own. Also wasn't Mexico more than three times larger than France and potentially richer than Austria? And the citizens of Mexico wanted him badly, to bring order out of chaos, or so he was told.

The real question was, when to strike. And the answer was simple. The impending Civil War in the United States would make this country helpless to resist the French thrust to overpower Mexico.

So in October 1863 Maximilian was formally offered the crown, which had been created by France's armed intervention. Reasons for intervening were easily trumped up by Napoleon. On April 9, 1864, after renouncing his imperial rights in Austria, Maximilian accepted the crown as Emperor of Mexico. Maximilian and Carlota arrived in Mexico on May 28 and entered Mexico on June 12.

From the beginning, the experiment was doomed, for politically, strategically and economically Maximilian's position was impossible. The country was opposed to him; the liberals refused to recognize his government though he made several attempts to conciliate them; and the conservatives and clericals were immediately alienated by his liberal measures. Financially and politically he was

wholly dependent upon France, without resources with which either to pay his debts or raise armies. Nor was he, personally, fitted to cope with the problem; poor judgment, vacillation and extravagance marked his administration from the first.

During 1864 and 1865 his foreign troops reduced the country to subjection, driving the constitutional government of Juarez almost to the Rio Grande, and on October 3, 1865, he was induced to issue a decree declaring Juarez and his supporters bandits.

But in December 1865, the United States, having emerged successfully from the Civil War, demanded the withdrawall of French troops from Mexico. Napoleon acceded in January 1866, and the republican forces commenced their reconquest.

The Empress Carlota went to Europe in July 1866, in a desperate attempt to re-enlist the aid of Napoleon and the pope; she failed and the strain proved so great that she lost her mind. In October, Maximilian, determined to abdicate, fled to Orizaba, but was prevailed upon to return, and in February 1867, assuming personal command of his forces, transferred his headquarters from Mexico City to Queretaro, a lonely figure in the welter of intrigue, selfishness and corruption which engulfed him. The last of the French forces retired in March; and on May 15, Queretaro was betrayed to the republican army. Napoleon's agents had made repeated efforts to secure Maximilian's escape, but he refused to save himself. He was court-martialled, convicted, and despite universal pleas for mercy, was shot on June 19.

What kind of a man was Maximilian? By one standard of study he was a failure as he lived solely in defeat during his three years as emperor of Mexico. But defeat was ordained from the beginning and

Maximilian had no way to foresee this. By the standards of the day he operated well and bravely. Lord Acton, British historian, may have summed it up best: "I think he was well-nigh the noblest of his race, and fulfilled the promise of his words. 'The fame of my ancestors will not degenerate in me'."

Now what does Amarillo have to do with Maximilian, as suggested in the title of this paper? Well, June 19, 1967, marked the centennial of the execution of Maximilian, emperor of Mexico, 1864-1867. Here was a man just 35 years old, who was struck down in the prime of life. He was literally a victim of the greed of Napoleon III who wished to go down in history as "the savior of the Mexican peoples and other misguided peoples of the New World." Maximilian didn't have to accept the crown of Mexico. But it was presented in such a way—and in many ways the presentation was misrepresented if not totally false—that he and Carlota could not refuse. At the very least these three years, 1864 to 1867, are important, if not strongly unique, in the annals of history.

So early in 1967 a handful of students of Mexican history planned to commemorate the centennial of Maximilian's execution by observing the event on June 19. This resulted in the founding of the Maximilian Numismatic Society, but as the scope of the society grew, the name was changed to the Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society to better describe the purposes of the Society.

The society is a specialized organization devoted to the period of Mexico's history covering the French Intervention—Maximilian Era and covers the coinage, postal stamps, medals, decorations, history and other related matters of both the Republic and Imperial governments during this

period

Since it's inception the society has grown into an international organization with members throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. The membership roster contains the names of many of foremost numismatists, philatelists, and historians of this period of Mexico's history.

"The purposes of the society are to cultivate fraternal relationship among numismatists, philatelists, and historians of this period, and to provide a means of acquisition and disbursement of numismatic, philatelic, and historical information, materials and related items pertaining to this period."

Now for the 64-dollar question. How does the Maximilian Society tie in with the Texas Numismatic Association?

The answer is simple and straightforward. Several of the founders of the MN&HS were also members of TNA. It therefore seemed appropriate, in the interests of minimizing travel, to hold the annual meetings of the Maximilian Society at the same time as the annual convention of TNA. But from the very outset, these annual meetings have proven so entertaining and popular that they have come to be recognized as one of the highlights of TNA's annual convention.

And with the passing years, this statement has taken on more stature and strength. Further the number of non-members in attendance often closely equals the number of members. Obviously the Maximilian Society encourages non-member participation, often gaining new members as a result.

Now how does Amarillo fit into this picture? The annual convention of TNA for America's bi-centennial year will take place in Amarillo, on April 23, 24 and 25. Of course the Maximilian Society again plans to hold their annual meeting during this three day period. And Amarillo definitely plans to continue the tradition of having each Maximilian Society meeting better than that held the previous year.

There is only one way to find out what a fine meeting the Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society is planning to stage, and that is to attend TNA in Amarillo and then be in attendance at the MN&HS annual meeting. You will never regret attending this well planned bit of entertainment.

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NUMISMATIC CHRONOLOGY - GUATEMALA

1524 Pedro de Alvarado attempts to conquer the Indians of Guatemala.

1524-1821 Guatemala becomes the center of colonial government for the Spanish Captaincy General of Guatemala which extended from Yucatan to Panama.

1543 The city of "La Muy Noble y Muy Leal Ciudad de Santiago de los Caballeros de Guatemala" is founded. This city, now known as Antigua, was the first capital of Guatemala.

1699-1771 Tokens issued by haciendas, towns, plantations and merchants circulate. Coins from other Spanish colonies as well as barter items were used as money.

1714 The Marquis of Torrecampe, don Toribio Jose de Cosio y Campa, requested permission from the Council of the Indies to begin coining money in Guatemala.

1718 The city council of Antigua issues several hundred thousand silver pesos.

January 17, 1731 King Philip V grants Guatemala permission to establish a mint.

March 19, 1733 The technicians and equipment necessary for the mint arrive and the first coins were struck.

July 13, 1738 The building housing the mint is finally completed.

1747-1821 Proclamation pieces are

struck at the mint.

March 4, 1751 Earthquakes cause considerable damage to the mint. The following year work begins on enlarging and improving the mint.

1754 Milled coins are first struck.

1772 The Guatemala mint begins to issue bust coinage.

1777 The mint, along with other government offices moves to Guatemala City. The mint mark before the move had been "G," it was then changed to "NG."

1789-1926 Commemorative medals are struck at the mint.

1793 The first $\frac{1}{4}$ real coins are struck.

September 15, 1821 Guatemala wins independence.

1822 Guatemala joins the Empire of Mexico under Iturbide.

1823-39 Guatemala joins the Central American Federation.

1847 Guatemala declares herself an independent republic.

1847-50 Heavy fighting between Guatemala and the united forces of Honduras and El Salvador occurs.

1851 The Guatemalan constitution is adopted.

April 26, 1853 A decree is issued authorizing a regular issue of national coinage based on a silver coin of 8 reales. The first coins struck under this decree were not issued until 1859.

1859 The first coins issued on a real-peso system are minted.

1859-62 Bust type coinage of Rafael Carrera is countermarked with an



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1859-65 Coinage of Carrera.

1862 The weights of Guatemalan coins were changed to conform with those of U.S. coins legally circulated at a par value.

1869-71 First decimal coinage attempted.

1871 Guatemala returns to the real system. The copper one centavo becomes the first base metal coin of Guatemala.

1874 The Banco Nacional de Guatemala first issues paper money.

1881-84 The second attempt at decimalization.

1882 Second reestablishment of the real system.

1890-1900 A coin shortage existed in Guatemala because the mint could not meet demands placed on it.

1893 President Reyna Barrios prohibits circulation of all decimal coinage.

1894 Countermarked Chilean and Peruvian coins circulate.

1894-1901 Heaton Mint, Birmingham, England, strikes coins for Guatemala.

1897 Presidential decrees relieve banks of the obligation to redeem notes at current money of silver or gold. Paper money was declared full legal tender and was considered to have the value of hard coined money.

1897-1923 Period of paper money inflation.

1912 The Guatemala mint closes, primarily due to inflation.

1915-1922 Provisional coinage is issued.

1920 Pattern issues of porcelain two pesos coins are issued.

1920-24 The monetary value of the peso collapses.

1923 The Caja Reguladora or the Exchange Regulation Bureau was created to maintain the stability of Guatemalan currency.

November 26, 1924 By presidential decree the Quetzal was established as the monetary unit of Guatemala and

was fixed at a value of 1 Quetzal per U.S. dollar.

1925 The government authorizes the striking of gold 5, 10 and 20 Quetzal coins. The 1 Quetzal coin was issued this year but soon discontinued due to high production costs.

July 6, 1926 The Central Bank of Guatemala is established.

1928-43 The Royal Mint, England, strikes coins for Guatemala.

1932 As late as this year colonial coinage as well as early Republican real coinage still circulated in some areas. During 1932 these old coins were demonitized.

1943 The Philadelphia mint strikes Guatemalan 1 and 2 centavos coins.

1944 The San Francisco mint strikes Guatemalan 1 and 2 centavos coins.

1946 The Bank of Guatemala is established. Decree #203 of that year stabilized and formalized all aspects of Guatemalan coinage and papermoney.

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SAN ANTONIO TOKENS

There are so many trade tokens from San Antonio that to try and list all of them would be a book in itself. It is my belief that there have been well over 1,000 different tokens issued in San Antonio during the past 100 years. If all of the mavericks could be attributed this number would probably double.

At the present time there does not seem to be anyone trying to collect just San Antonio tokens and medals. Where there is such a large amount of material available like there is in

San Antonio tokens it requires one collector, to put all his efforts into this one small area to be able to assemble a representative collection.

Here are listed a few pieces from my personal collection that I consider to be exceptional for one reason or another.

1. Obverse: Angelus Bar / San Antonio / Texas Reverse: Good for 2 1/2¢ / in trade, 29mm, triangular brass. These Angelus Bar tokens probably date from around 1900. There are at least three different types. Besides the triangular brass piece there is also an Octagonal Aluminum, and round brass.

2. Obverse: Bella Union / Theatre / San Antonio / Tex. Reverse: 5, 29mm round, white metal This is probably one of the oldest Texas tokens as the Bella Union Theatre dates from 1870 and before.

3. Obverse: H. H. Magendie / Electric / Park / San Antonio, Tex. Reverse: 50c 28mm square aluminum. The Electric park was an amusement park with rides etc. that operated in San Antonio around 1900. I also have a 5c token from this same amusement park. About a week after acquiring these two tokens a friend in Washington sent me a picture post card of the Electric Park with a post mark of Aug. 4, 1907. He had purchased this post card for me at a flea market not knowing that I had just acquired a couple of tokens from the same place.

4. Obverse: Cantina Elk / 2 1/2 cents J Rubiola prop 811 W



Commerce St. Reverse: Elk Bar 2 1/2 cts. / J. Rubiola prop. / 811 W. Commerce St. 38mm round orange paper. This is a very unusual token with the name of the business in both Spanish and English. J. Rubiola is listed as a saloon owner in the 1914 directories.

5. Obverse: Rud Krisch / Reverse: No. 2 1-2 28mm round aluminum. This piece represents a very crude maverick when compared to the more attractive tokens that are available from San Antonio. Rud Krisch operated the City Hall Saloon at 107 N. Flores Street, information from the 1900 San Antonio city directory.

6. Obverse: Kentucky Sample / Room / Military Plaza / San Antonio, Tex. Reverse: Good for / 10 / cents / in trade, 24mm round brass. Around 1800 high class saloons were called sample rooms!!!

7. Obverse: Mahncke / Hotel /

Bar / San Antonio, Tex. Reverse: Good for / one / drink, 30mm round aluminum. This is Wright # 1506, in his book Dr. Wright listed something like 105 Texas tokens, over half of these were from San Antonio.

8. Obverse: Sunny South Bar / (sunrise pictured / W. S. Franks / prop. / Reverse: No. 2 1/2 24 mm octagonal, aluminum. W. S. Franks operated the Sunny South Bar at 239 E. Houston Street. Information from the 1912 city directory: W. S. Franks is listed as saloon operator in the Texas state directories as early as 1897.

As you can see from the few pieces that I have listed here the types of tokens from San Antonio is very wide. Most of the San Antonio bar and saloon tokens seem to have one thing in common and that is their 2 1/2 c denominations.



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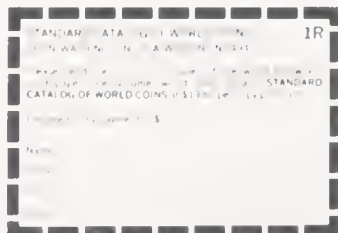
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TEN QUESTIONS

Do you know the answers? Study the 10 questions, come up with the answers, let the editor know how you scored—and we'll print the answers in the February issue of the TNA NEWS, along with 10 more questions.

1. For what purpose was the U.S. 3c nickel authorized?

2. Early Standing Liberty quarters were issued with the date high resulting in the disappearance of the date after a few years of circulation. In what year was the date recessed to reduce this wear?

3. The obverse of the 2c piece has a striking resemblance to obverse of what other U.S. coin?

4. The rarity of gold coins issued by the U.S. prior to 1834 is a well known fact. What, more than anything else, contributed to this situation?

5. What U.S. coin is regarded as the most beautiful coin ever produced at the U.S. mint?

6. The wreath designs appearing on the reverse of the Flying Eagle cents, the 1859 Indian cent and the 1860 Indian cents represent three different wreaths. What are they?

7. During what year were U.S. proof sets intentionally issued with two nickels?

8. The silver dollar was authorized by Congress on April 2, 1792, but the first issue did not appear until what year?

9. What was the last year of issue of the Morgan or Liberty Head silver dollar?

10. The Buffalo nickel was first issued in 1913, and with the exception of three years, was issued continuously for 25 years, halting with the issue of 1938. What are the three years that were missed?

ANSWERS —

To "Ten Questions" December issue TNA NEWS.

1. The issuance of the Lincoln Head cent in 1909 commemorated the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

2. The year 1926 at the San Francisco mint was the lowest mintage of the Buffalo nickel.

3. The Isabella quarter and the Lafayette dollar are the two commemorative silver coins not in the denomination of the half dollar.

4. The year 1652 was used for 30 years on the Willow Oak and Pine Tree shillings.

5. Steel cents were produced in 1943 due to a shortage of copper.

6. The first U.S. minor coin design to be selected in open competition was the Jefferson 5c piece.

7. The coin not identified as a U.S. coin was the half dime of 1859 and 1860. These pieces are known as transitional patterns struck at the time the inscription "United States of America" was being transferred from reverse to obverse side of the coin.

8. The word dollar comes from the German taler, a name given the first large sized European silver coin.

9. The most publicized and controversial rarity in U.S. coinage series is the 1804 silver dollar.

10. The U.S. trade dollars were good in legal tender in the amount of \$5.

Wm. Doyle Dies In Edinburg

William H. Doyle, 71, died at Edinburg General Hospital November 19 following a lengthy illness. He was a past president of the Hidalgo Coin Club and a native Texan.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Edinburg. Survivors are his wife, one son and one daughter.

JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

By BRENT BROWN,
Youth Chairman
Waco, Texas

We are now completing the year 1975, a year which I hope has been rewarding for all, and it is again time to select the TNA Junior of the Year. For those who are not familiar with this award, it is given annually to the junior who has done the most during the year to promote numismatics. Nominations for the award are made by TNA members, member clubs, or by the junior himself. All nominations should be sent to the Youth Chairman. The winner of the award will be announced at the April convention.

The Junior V.I.P. Award will also be presented again this year. This award is given to the junior, who according to the secretary's records, has signed up the most members into the TNA during the year.

As your new Youth Chairman, I will continue Dave Cervin's policy of rewarding juniors for any numismatic effort with a coin. Juniors who report their activities to me will be awarded a Type 7 Mexican 1 Peso. Juniors, you may claim your coin by writing me everytime you:

1. Give a numismatic talk.
2. Enter a coin show.
3. Write an article for any numismatic publication.
4. Complete a girl scout or boy scout merit badge in coins.
5. Hold any coin club office.
6. Serve as chairman for any activity at a coin show.
7. Promote numismatics in any other way.

Juniors you may continue to win coins for your numismatic efforts. Additional awards will be a different type of coin. Please report your ac-

tivities to me, Brent Brown, at 3701 Beverly Dr., Waco, Tx 76711

Juniors, while this column is written for you, we must encourage adults to read it every month and urge them to support your numismatic efforts. Next month we will discuss the writing of numismatic articles.

from the librarian

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Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596

H. R. "Pep" Peppard and Andrea made two very nice donations to the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY — a \$10 cash donation and a book

The book (P-10) is the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money by Albert Pick, 1975 edition. It features 249 countries, covers from 1900 to 1974 with over 20,000 notes listed by date. In all, the book consists of 720 pages.

Many thanks "Pep" and Andrea!

TNA members are still not using the library as they should. We have also noticed that several clubs are ordering slide sets from the American Numismatic Association when we have the same sets in the TNA library. That's fine and great but we offer nearly all of the same sets. However, we do not have some of the ANA sets and ANA doesn't have some of our sets. We DO offer prompt service and we would certainly like to see each member take advantage of our library. It has taken much work, patience and many nice donations to build up the library for all to use. Won't you try a little harder?

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4044 (D-5) Love Lewis, 1115 Medalist Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75232. General. Lyman Bartee.

J-4045 (D-15) Vance K. Wade, 2250 Harrison, Beaumont, Tex. 77701. All coins. Jerry Williams.

4046 (D-5) Mike Simons, 2513 Johnson St., Greenville, Tex. 75401. U.S.

coins. Audra Lamm and B. K. Welch.

4047 (D-5) Roy R. Jones, 2805 Granger St., Greenville, Tex. 75401. U.S. Silver Dollars. B. K. Welch and Audra Lamm.

C-167 (D-6) Brazos Bend Coin Club, Box 382, Rosenberg, Tex. 77471. R. E. Bonilla.

C-168 (D-6) Greater Baytown Coin Club, 314 West Texas Ave., Baytown, Tex. 77520. M. A. Currie Jr.

LM 76 (D-6) William R. Hodges, 2200 S. Post Oak Rd., Suite 512, Houston, Tex. 77027. Thomas C. Bain.

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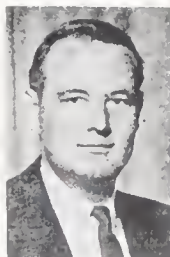
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		\$1,252.60

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TNA News Editor — November travel allowance and October petty cash	120.34	
Central Forwarding, Inc.—case storage for 6 months	150.00	
TNA Treasurer—Long distance phone calls in April, June and September 1975	22.41	
Banner Print- ing Co.	433.42	
Envelopes	14 15	
Oct. issue — 1283 copies	316.00	
Postage	78.15	
Engraving	8.21	
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		\$526 43

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TNA Library Fund as of October 31, 1975	\$ 138.66
Donation as above	20.00
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Balance as of November 30, 1975	\$ 158.66
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Disbursement as above	150.00
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TNA News Continuance Fund	
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,247.43
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Savings Account	\$ 477.50

Pruitt Dies In Port Isabel

Don L. Pruitt, 83, died December
3 following a sudden illness.

Mr. Pruitt had lived in Port Isabel
for 27 years coming from Edinburg,
Ind. He was active in the Port Isabel
Coin Club and served as president
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JANUARY 30-31 - FEB. 1

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, annual Money Show, Shamrock Hilton Hotel. **BOURSE:** Bill Johns, Box 2963, Houston 77001.



JAN. 31-FEB. 1

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show.



FEBRUARY 14-15

LEA COUNTY COIN CLUB, semi-annual coin show, VFW Hall, Hobbs, N. Mex.



MARCH 6-7

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, annual Collector's Show, Exposition Hall. **BOURSE:** John C. Face, Box 8593, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78412.



MARCH 7

LEVELLAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Women's Bldg., Fair Grounds. **CONTACT:** D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland 79336.



APRIL 23-25

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, annual convention, Civic Center, Amarillo.



MAY 2

WICHITA FALLS COIN & STAMP CLUB, annual show.

SEPTEMBER 11-12

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show, La Quinta Motor Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.



SEPTEMBER 25-26

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Stephen F. Austin Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.



LAST CALL!!

The deadline is here for submitting nominations for a recipient for the Lewis Reagan Memorial award. Some deserving person will be recognized with this coveted award — a person who has contributed much to the Texas Numismatic Association. Send in your recommendation to TNA President Col. Chas. A. Wingo, Rt. 2, Box 109, Denison, Tex. 75020 and he in turn will submit the nominations to an appointed committee.

TNA showers the junior member with awards too — the Junior Numismatist of the Year and the Junior VIP awards. Send in the name and activity resume of your junior club member to Fred W. Clark, first vice president, for consideration by a committee for the Junior Numismatist of the Year. The junior member signing up the most new members in 1975 will be awarded the Junior VIP.

AND the three top clubs will be honored with awards for their 1975 activities. Secretaries, historians, just anybody, please send in your club activity reports for the Club Salute awards (first, second and third). Send to the TNA NEWS editor as soon as possible — Feb. 15 is the deadline.



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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT I

A round table discussion was held by the six members attending the November meeting of **Graham Coin & Stamp Club**.

The club meets at **Texas Electric Reddy Room**. — **Mrs. Wm. Rust**, Sec.



G. W. Somers
Governor



Members of the **Arlington Coin Club** moved their meeting place to **Lone Star Gas Co. building** and the meeting date was changed to the third Tuesday of each month.

Eighteen attended the October meeting when an auction was held. At the November meeting, with 15 present, election of officers was held.

J. L. Walker will be serving as president; Stan Murach, vice president; Dean Corry, secretary; and Robert Chapman, treasurer. — **Chris Luke**, Sec.



DISTRICT II

The **Odessa Coin Club** has been enjoying programs consisting of slide sets from the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY**, according to **R. W. Umstot**.



August H. Ganze Jr.
Governor

DISTRICT III

Frank Rice was the speaker at the October meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club**. Rice showed slides and talked on his encounters while seeking ancient gold pieces in 43 different countries. **R. P. Lynn** and **Richard Evans** won special prizes and **Bill Lee** conducted the auction.



Ellis Brooks
Governor

The following officers were nominated to serve during 1976: **Bill Lee**, president; **Frank Rice**, first vice president; **Gillie Pfluger**, second vice president; **Mrs. Howard Colman**, secretary; **Mrs. R. P. Lynn**, treasurer; and **Mrs. J. C. Lynn**, historian.

At the November meeting a committee was appointed to take charge of Christmas party plans. The committee was composed of **Mrs. Audrey Huggins**, **Mrs. R. P. Lynn** and **Mrs. J. C. Lynn**. Thirty two members and guests were present and **Bill Lee** and **Paul Terry** won prizes. — **Lucille Coleman**, Sec.



Plans were made for the annual Christmas party for members and guests of **Central Texas Coin Club** of **Brownwood**. There were 27 present at the November meeting. — **H. C. Goodwin**, Pres.

DISTRICT IV

Waco Coin Club officers for 1976 include Herbert Lovell, president; Brent Brown, vice president; J. P. Jones, secretary-treasurer; and James Schaffer, special prizes. The November meeting was held at T.P. & L. Center with 33 in attendance.



Keith Johnson
Governor

The speaker was Officer Allen Speed of Crime Prevention Dept. of the Waco Police Dept who showed a film and spoke on how to burglar proof homes. —J. P. Jones, Sec.



The annual Christmas party and dinner for members of the Austin Coin Club was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria. New officers were elected and are: Jim Martin, president; Bob Greenwood, vice president; Lyman C. Bartee, secretary-treasurer; John McKean, curator; and Ray Kirkpatrick and Joe Scott, directors.

About 30 members and guests attended and at the November meeting, Bill Fowler talked on trade tokens. —Lyman C. Bartee, Sec.



DISTRICT V

Twenty nine attended the November meeting of Dallas Coin Club held in the English Room at the Baker Hotel. Mrs. Gertrude Welch won the attendance prize.

Tom Bain presented a program on Post WWII military payment certificates. He dis-



Barney K. Welch
Governor

played only the first and last series of the certificates to avoid a space problem. Some have familiar U.S. currency vignettes. Audience participation consisted of relating interesting and humorous experiences of several of the members.

New officers to serve include David M. Nunn, president; W. H. Veerman, vice president; LCdr. C. C. Andrews, secretary-treasurer. —C. C. Andrews, Sec.



DISTRICT VI

The regular meeting of Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City was held on November 25 at Nessler Center. Christine Richardson won the "early bird" prize. Other prizes were won by Mrs. M. Mitchell and Charles Mitchell.

Plans for the annual Christmas party were discussed. Mrs. I. K. Richardson and Mrs. Mitchell were to be in charge of the covered dish supper and Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld was to take charge of the gift exchange and games.

Mrs. Threlkeld gave the program on her topical collection. She chose types of transportation and displayed coins, medals, tokens, wood and elongated cents showing boats, horses, air planes, bicycles, covered wagons, space ships, trains and more. —Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.



Final plans have been approved for the 19th annual Greater Houston Coin Club's "Money Show" on January 30-31 and February 1 at the Shamrock Hotel. Speakers for the educational program will be John J. Pittman, Rochester, N.Y., ANA governor; and Grover Criswell, Citra, Fla. ANA vice president.

The program at the November meeting was conducted by Gerald

Kendall, Chris Johns and Colin Tuck on exhibiting. —**Club Bulletin.**



DISTRICT VIII

Programs for Corpus Christi Coin Club have been varied and interesting for the past few meetings according to the Club Bulletin. C. H. Roberts explained fairs and expositions stating fairs were places where goods are sold and expositions where goods are displayed. Mr. Roberts said that fairs go back a long time and are mentioned in the Bible. They were usually organized by merchants and held at churches or crossroads. Francis Joseph in 1873, held an exposition in Austria that outdid anything up to that time. The event was housed in a building that was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long and had a dome with an elevator. Many countries were represented and the Shah of Persia was present with his whole staff making quite an exhibit. The speaker showed several medals pertaining to his talk.

At another meeting, Joe B. Davis displayed charts on the prices of selected coins. The chart was started in 1936 and through the years Davis kept it up to date from periodicals of the date posted.

A bicentennial quiz was held, researched and presented by David Burke with John Face winning the contest.



Members of the Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi made plans to hold the annual Christmas party at Chung Mei Restaurant on December 12 with a gift exchange.

The two November meetings included a slide program on East



Wayne H. Harris

Africa by Mrs. Wayne Harris and a games night with numismatic prizes.

At the December 2 meeting, election of officers was to take place and also a program was planned for a slide presentation of Spain by a serviceman who was stationed in the country for a number of years.



DISTRICT IX

Twenty attended the November meeting of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock held at First Federal Savings & Loan. Marvin Fraley and R. L. Marshall reported on show exhibits and a place to hold the spring coin show.



D. O. Joplin
Governor

The annual Christmas party was to feature an auction to benefit Texas Boys' Ranch.

A quiz was conducted by Carl Anderson and Marshall had charge of the auction. —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



The November meeting of Leveland Coin Club was held at the Spot Restaurant with seven attending. Plans were made for the annual Christmas party and benefit auction for Great Plains Boys' Ranch.

Lottie May of Lubbock was a guest. —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



E. L. Pitzer showed the new TNA membership card at the November meeting of Lamb County Coin Club held in the Reddy Room. Dr. J. H. Oyer polled members as to whether or not to continue the annual show as a hobby show or coin show.

Larry Sanderson conducted the auction. —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT X

The bid board set up in October by members of **International Coin Club** of El Paso has been a fair success with more members submitting lots and staying for the entire meeting.

It was announced that Club President Mark Koenigsberg, who had his home burglarized, had recovered most of his stolen items due to the sharp eyes of Dewey Fields, coin dealer and past TNA governor. Field alerted police when he recognized the stolen material offered for sale.

Plans are complete for the club's annual show with Harry Johnson, Box 31160, El Paso, as general chairman. Johnson reported 75% of the tables reserved as of November 30 and will be one of the largest shows to offer choice Mexican coins for sale, trade and display. —J. N. Berger, Gov. Dist. 10.



DISTRICT XIV

Virginia Armstrong gave the program at the December meeting of **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at Chisum's rock shop in Pharr.

New officers were elected and include: Ralph Cron, president; Ed Bruner, vice president; Virginia Armstrong, secretary; and Annette Fortsen, treasurer.

The annual club anniversary was planned for the January 8 meeting



John N. Berger
Governor



L. G. Davenport Jr.
Governor

with a games night and social hour. The club will celebrate its 15th anniversary.



January 25 is the date selected by members of the **Harlingen Coin Club** for the annual show. The event will be held at Richard's Gold Room, Sun Valley Motor Hotel. The show will feature all collectors items.

For further information write the club, Box 2041, Harlingen 78550.



DISTRICT XV

Plans have begun for the annual show to be hosted by **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**. The show will take place March 13-14.

Club members exhibited at Sabine National Bank in October celebrating "Cav-Oil-Cade '57." Thanks went to Richard and Betty Krummel and Linda and Tom Cobb.

Attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Brown, Kenneth Covington, David Worsham and Keith Blizzard. Richard Krummel and Jerry William conducted the auction.



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Services Held For J. R. Luker

J. R. Luker passed away recently in Houston. He was one of the organizers of Northline Coin Club of Houston and a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Luker was 65.

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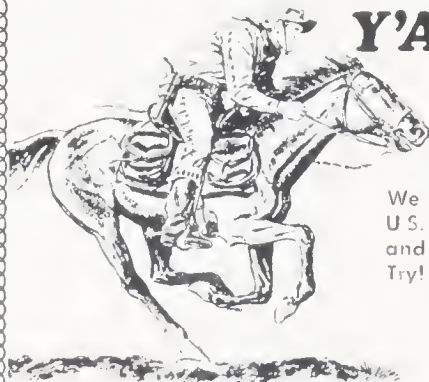
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